Atty Docket No. 122802-3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Confirmation No.

John Frederick Ackerman et al : Group Art Unit: 1775

Serial No.: : Examiner: Jennifer C. McNEIL

Filed:

For: THERMAL BARRIER COATING PROTECTED BY INFILTRATED

ALUMINA AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.115

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.115, Applicants respectfully request that: (1) the above application concurrently filed herewith be amended as indicated below; (2) these amendments be considered before calculating the filing fee for the above application; (3) action on the merits be taken with allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in the above application.